(DPEA). These organisations were assured of appropriate action by the Government on their genuine problems.

(d) and (e) On receiving a number of representations, most of which are from the Hon'ble Members of Parliament, regarding wrong exclusion of certain bulk drugs from price control, the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals have constituted a permanent Committee to look into the various aspects concerning the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 including inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs in the Scheduled Categories under the Drugs (Prices Control), Order, 1987. The Government has already included 26 bulk drugs under price control. The Standing Committee is looking into other cases.

Capacity of Blood Banks

*150. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated requirement of blood from blood banks in India ;

(b) what is the capacity of blood banks in the country at present ;

(c) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to boost blood collection activities ; and

(d) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to protect the donors against the harmful effect of donating blood and to protect the recipients against transmission of disease through blood transfusion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) to (d) The estimated requirement of blood, based on the norm suggested by the World Health Organisation at 7 units per bed per annum, is about 40 lakh units per annum.

According to a survey conducted recently, the quantity of blood collected in the existing blood banks is estimated at 19.5 lakh units per annum.

Under the existing scheme for encouraging voluntary blood donation, financial assistance is provided for educating and motivating people for voluntary blood donation. It is proposed to introduce schemes to provide financial assistance to Indian Red Cross Society and voluntary organisations for organising camps, and wherever feasible, for operating a centralised blood bank.

In order to ensure safety of blood donation, the Director General of Health Services has issued administrative guidelines for operating a centralised blood bank for blood transfusion, services, on 6th January, 1988. These guidelines, *inter-alia*, deal with aspects connected with donor safety. The rules framed under he Drugs and Cosmetics Act prescribe the tests to be performed for ensuring safety of blood.

Screening of blood donors as a component of HIV (Human Immuno Deficiency Virus) surveillance was inittaied in April, 1986. Testing factlities are now available in 27 cities besides the 4 metropolitan cities where all the blood banks have been linked with zonal blood testing centres for ensuring that the blood used for transfusion is free from HIV anti-bodies. In the next phase of the programme, 37 zonal blood testing centres linked with blood banks will be established in 16 States. The ultimate objective is to link all the blood banks with the zonal blood testing centres in a

phased manner so that safe blood is available for transfusion.

Setting up of Petrochemical complex in Punjab

*151. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 8th August, 1990, regarding a suggestion made by the Punjab, Haryana, Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry for setting up a Petrochemical complex in the Punjab ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government would take necessary steps for the setting up of the said project at an early date ; and

(c) if not, shat are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Government have seen the press report.

(b) and (c) Proposals for setting up petrochemical complexes are considered having regard to availability of feed stock and other techno economic aspects. While there is no petrochemical complex in Punjab under consideration during the 8th Plan period, it may be feasible to consider setting up of such a complex in Punjab at a later stage.

आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लोगों को पेट्रोल पम्प और कुकिंग गैस की एजेंसियों/डीलरशिप का आबंटन

*152. श्री अजीत पी० के० जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वर्तमान में केन्द्रीय सरकार इस परिपाटी का अनुपालन कर रही है कि पेट्रोल पम्प और कुकिंग गैस की डीलरशिप/एजेंसियों के आबंटन के विज्ञापन देते समय क्षेत्र के सांसदों/विधायकों को उसकी अलग-अलग सूचना दी जाती , जिससे कि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लिए सही और वास्तविक व्यक्तियों का ही चयन हो ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं कि वास्तविक रूप से आदिवासियों, अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों व विकलांग व्यक्तियों को ही ये एजेंसियां/डीलरशिप आबंटित की जायें ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम.एस. गुरूपदस्वामी) : (क) विभिन्न श्रेणियों के लिये आरक्षण और वर्गीकरण दर्शाने वाला नये पेट्रोल, डीजल की डीलरशिपों और रसोई गैस वितरकों की स्थान संबंधी विवरण संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के सांसदों को उपलब्ध कराया गया है ।

(ख) आवेदकों द्वारा अनु० जाति/ज.जाति या शारीरिक विकलांग होने संबंधी सक्षम प्राधिकारी से प्राप्त प्रस्तुत किये गये प्रमाण पत्रों की जांच करने के बाद ही स्वतंत्र तेल चयन बोर्ड द्वारा उपयुक्त आवदकों का किया जाता है । यदि चयन किये गये प्रत्याशियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किये गये प्रमाणपत्रों की सच्चाई के बारे में कोई शिकायत हो तो उसकी और जांच की जाती है और यदि शिकायत सही पाई जाय तो डीलरशिप/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप समाप्त किये जाने जैसी कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Setting up a new project by ONGC in Jaisalmer in Rajasthan

*153. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of